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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director

SUBJECT : Exploitation of Documents in Europe

1. Attached is a request for Project Review Committee action submitted by OCD, and concurred in by ORR, OCI and OSI, which involves the sending of a microfilm unit to Europe at a cost of approximately \$346,000 to screen and photograph material of intelligence value not available in the United States.

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3. Project does not include estimates or provisions for:
- a. Space and facilities for initial handling of product here.
  - b. Additional personnel requirements for processing and filing here.
  - c. Extent to which materials obtained can be utilized by analysts.
  - d. Responsibility to other agencies for reproduction and dissemination either here or abroad.
  - e. Effect on future fiscal year financial requirements.

4. On the basis that we should not commit the Agency to an expensive initial action without fairly full knowledge of further costs and problems growing from such action, it is suggested that the paper be returned for resubmission after more complete staff work and determination of over-all resulting Agency obligation.

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MURRAY McCONNEL  
Deputy Director  
(Administration)

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See Addendum  
to Estimate of Expenses herein.

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